

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as shown below without prejudice or disclaimer. The listing of the claims below replace all previously listings.

1-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently amended) Protective garment comprising:

an integrally formed garment body of a liquid impermeable material having an inner surface with a first portion and a second portion;

an absorptive device associated with the ~~first~~ second portion of the inner surface of the integrally formed garment body; and

loose fibres directly affixed to at least a substantial part of the ~~second~~ first portion of the inner surface of the integrally formed garment body and proximate to the absorptive device.

24. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 23, wherein the fibres are affixed to the inner surface of the integrally formed garment body except for a section of the garment body associated with the absorptive device.

25. (Currently amended) A protective garment according to claim 23, wherein said ~~second~~ first portion is formed with multiple perforations to permit passage of perspiration therethrough.

26. (Currently amended) A protective garment according to claim 25, wherein said ~~first~~ second portion is not substantially perforated, so as to prevent passage of body fluids therethrough.

27. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 23, wherein the integrally formed garment body has an outer surface, and

further comprising loose fibres directly affixed to at least a portion of the outer surface of the integrally formed garment body.

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